



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IV

345 COURTLAND STREET
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30308

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Site:	A.L. Taylor
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Frank Harscher, III, Secretary
KY Dept. for Natural Resources
& Environmental Protection
Capital Plaza Towers - 5th Floor
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Mr. Harscher:

We are writing to determine when the State intends to develop a clean-up plan with the companies whose waste has been identified at the A.L. Taylor site (Valley of the Drums). At the last meeting you chaired in Louisville in August, it was agreed that the State would contact the companies' corporate offices and ask for their cooperation in the clean-up effort. Has this been done?

In addition, the State was planning to contact a local industry which might be able to burn the liquid waste in their rotary kilns. Has this been done?

We have recently been contacted by M&M Chemicals, Inc. of Gadsden, Alabama (205-538-3800). This company blends solvents for use as a fuel in the Alpha Portland Cement kiln in Birmingham, Alabama. This disposal option is considerably less expensive than incineration and saves energy at the cement kiln facility.

The companies need specific guidance from the State and EPA on how to proceed with the clean-up. Rather than developing a step-by-step procedure, the companies should be encouraged to hire a contractor who could prepare a plan for State/EPA review. We feel this is the next step and should be taken as soon as possible.

The empty drums and the debris from the site should be considered as hazardous waste and taken to a secure landfill because the drums contained hazardous materials.



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It is vital to our national hazardous waste control effort that the State take vigorous action to clean up these sites. We appreciate your personal interest in this project and look forward to the next step in the clean-up effort.

Sincerely yours,

for James H. Seabrook

Thomas W. Devine
Director, Air & Hazardous Materials Division